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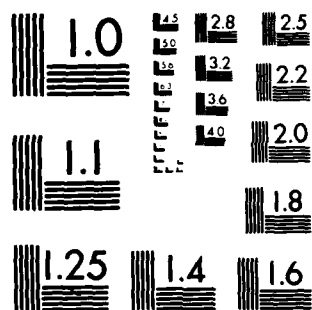   ELECTRONICS RESEARCH LAB K K MEI MAR 84
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Electromagnetic wave scattering by buried and partially buried targets are studied. Results have been obtained for scattering by buried body of revolution, buried body of revolution with arbitrary orientation and two-body scattering.

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Introduction

The objective of this research is to study the feasibility of computing electromagnetic wave scattering by objects which are buried or partially buried in a lossy ground. The datas obtained through the computer solutions of the related Maxwell's Equations can be applied to detection of plastic land mines, tunnels and natural resources. The method used in this investigation is based on the Unimoment method [1] which was developed by Mei of Electronics Research Laboratory. The method is a unique hybrid of analytical and numerical methods. The extension of the method to include lossy ground half-space was made possible by the development of special eigenfunctions which include the continuity conditions of the air-ground interface [2].

The basic idea of the Unimoment method is to separate the solution region into two parts. For the scattering problem, the boundary of the separation is a separable surface, such as a sphere in a three dimensional problem. Interior of the sphere, where the scatterer is located, numerical methods are used. Exterior of the sphere, where the median is simple and have known analytical general solutions, eigenfunction methods are used. The two solutions are then joined together at the separating sphere numerically to simulate the continuating conditions. The method has been successfully implemented for scattering in free space [3] and scattering by buried targets [4].

Accomplishments

The study of buried targets of [4] is for targets buried deep enough so that the Unimoment sphere (the separating sphere) is entirely under

ground. For partially buried or shallowly buried objects, the Unimoment sphere must penetrate the air-ground interface as shown in Fig. 1. Because of that, several changes must be made, and results studied, in order to investigate the validity of the method under those conditions. The changes include the mesh generation strategy, the trial functions on the Unimoment sphere and the convergence tests. These changes have all been studied and successfully implemented.

The typical mesh of a partially buried configuration is shown in Fig. 2. The actual scattering configurations are given in Fig. 3. The testing cases of moving the Unimoment spheres across the interface are shown in Figs. 4-5 which indicate that our effort for calculating a partly buried object will not be effected by installing the Unimoment spheres across the interface. Typical scattered near fields at the interface are shown in Figs. 6 and 7.

In addition to accomplishing the stated objectives, we have also succeeded in computing scattering configurations, where the axis of the target is not parallel to the normal of the interface. The scattering configuration and results are shown in Figs. 8-10.

Furthermore, we have also completed the investigation of scattering of two bodies near a lossy ground. The scattering configuration and typical results are shown in Figs. 11-13.

Publications

During the investigation the following papers have been published or are to be published.

(1) "Multipole Expansion Technique for Electromagnetic Scattering by Buried Objects," by S. K. Chang and K. K. Mei, _Electromagnetics_, vol. 1, no. 1, pp. 73-89, January 1981.

(2) "Scattering of Electromagnetic Waves by Buried and Partly Buried Bodies of Revolution," by H. S. Chang and K. K. Mei, to be published in _IEEE Trans. on Remote Sensing and GeoScience_.

The following presentations were made at conferences:

(1) "Scattering of EM Waves by Buried and Partly Buried Body of Revolution," by H. S. Chang and K. K. Mei, IEEE, Antennas and Propagation Society 1981 International Symposium, Digest pp. 653-656.

(2) "Recent Developments in Unimoment Method," URSI General Assembly, Symposium Digest, p. 390, Washington, DC, August 1981.

(3) "Unimoment Method for Electromagnetic Scattering," Symposium on Acoustic, Electromagnetic and Elastic Wave Scattering, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 1982.

The following Ph.D. Theses were completed:

(1) "Scattering of Electromagnetic Waves by Buried or Partly Buried Inhomogeneous Bodies of Revolution," by Henry S. Chang, June 1980.

(2) "On the Electromagnetic Wave Scattering by Buried Bodies of Revolution with Arbitrary Orientation," by Po-Shen Cheng, May 1983.

(3) "Scattering by Two Bodies Near Loss Ground," by Shigetoshi Yokota, September 1983.

During the investigation the following personnel were employed:

(1) Po-Shen Chen, (graduate student)

(2) Shigetoshi Yokota (graduate student)

(3) Kenneth K. Mei (Faculty)

The following papers are being prepared for publication:

(1) "Scattering by Buried Dielectric Bodies of Revolution of Arbitrary Orientation."

(2) "Scattering by Two Bodies Near Lossy Ground."

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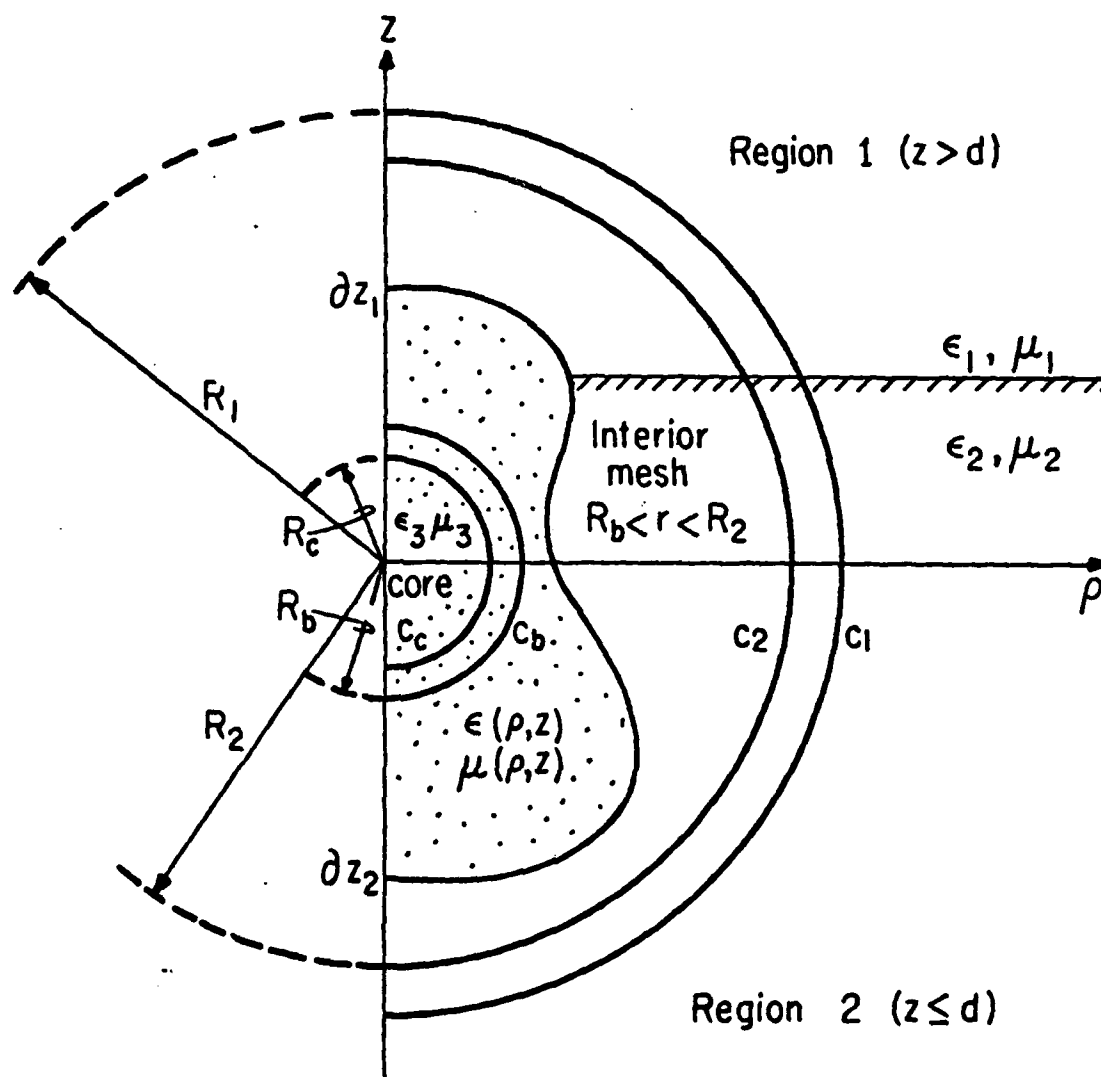
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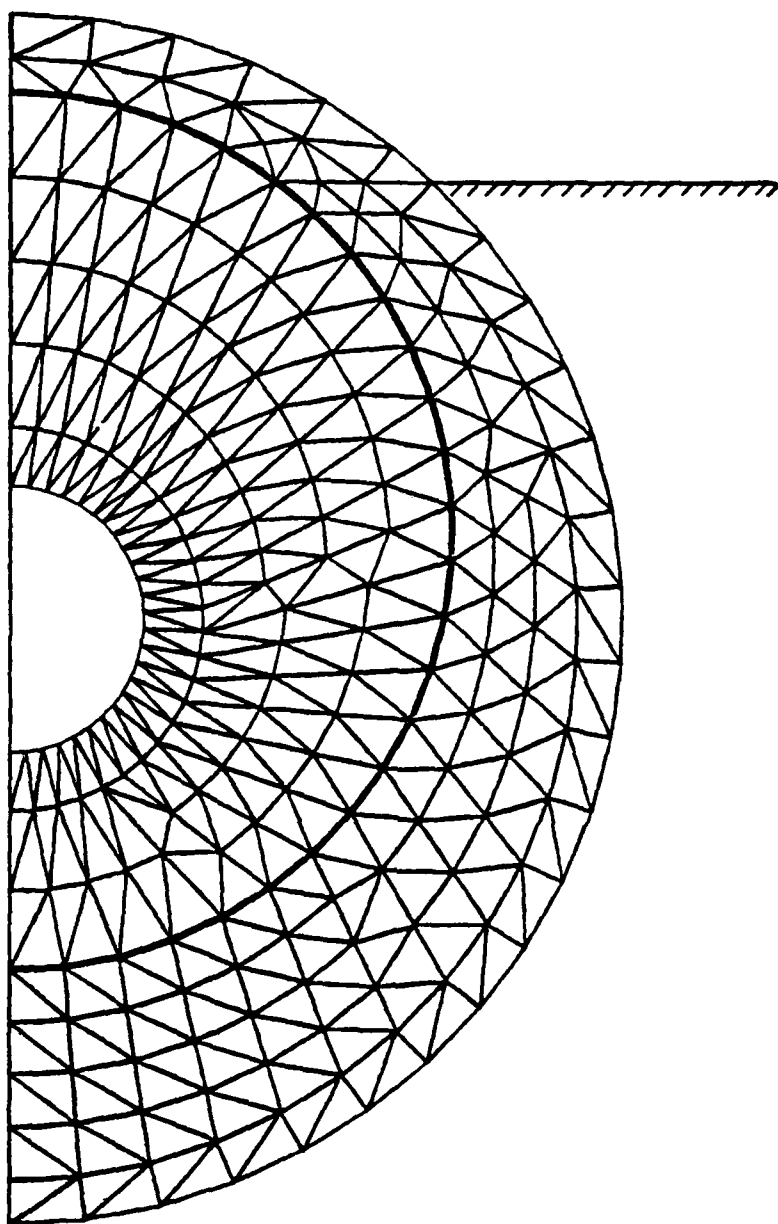
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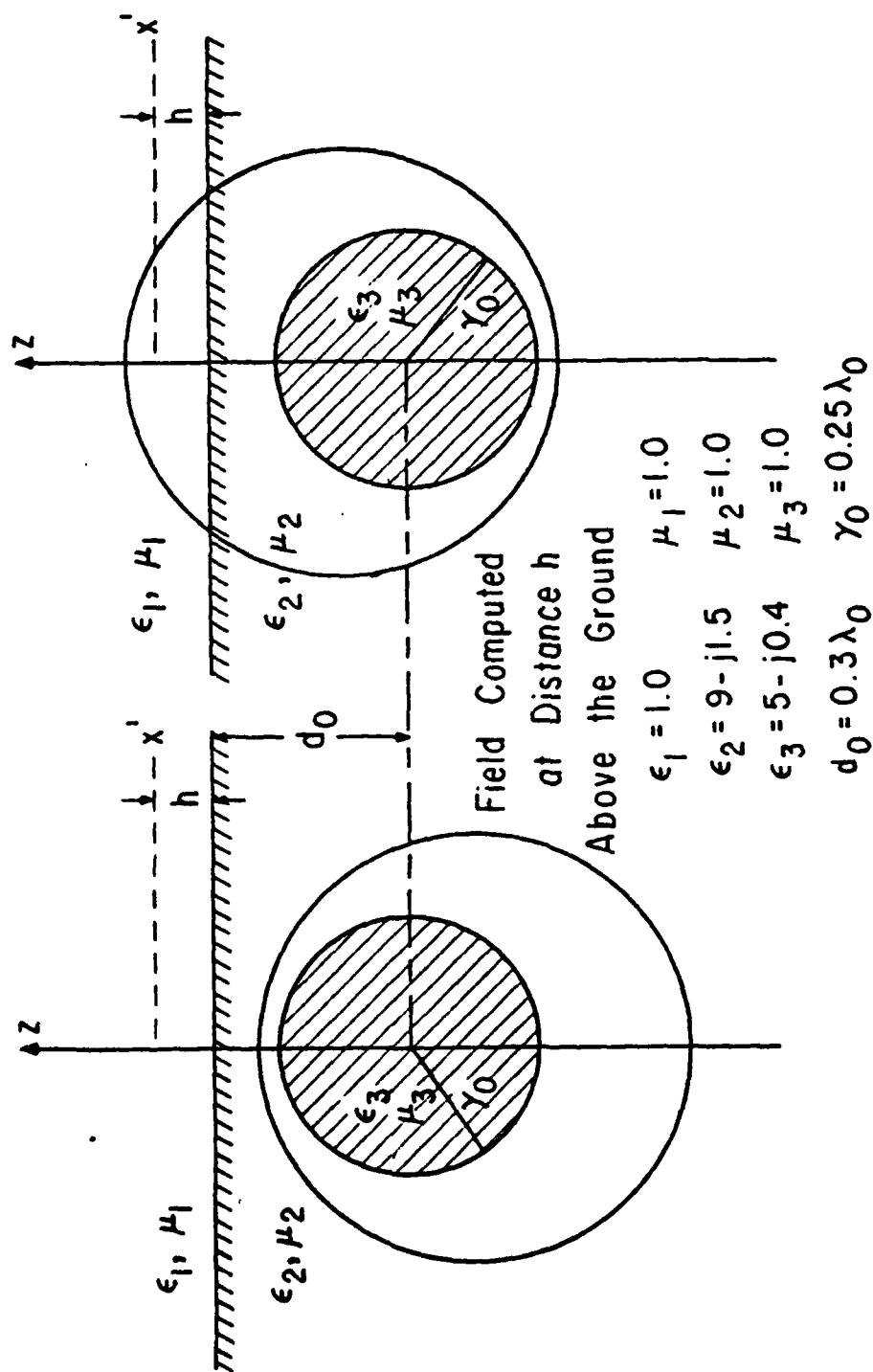
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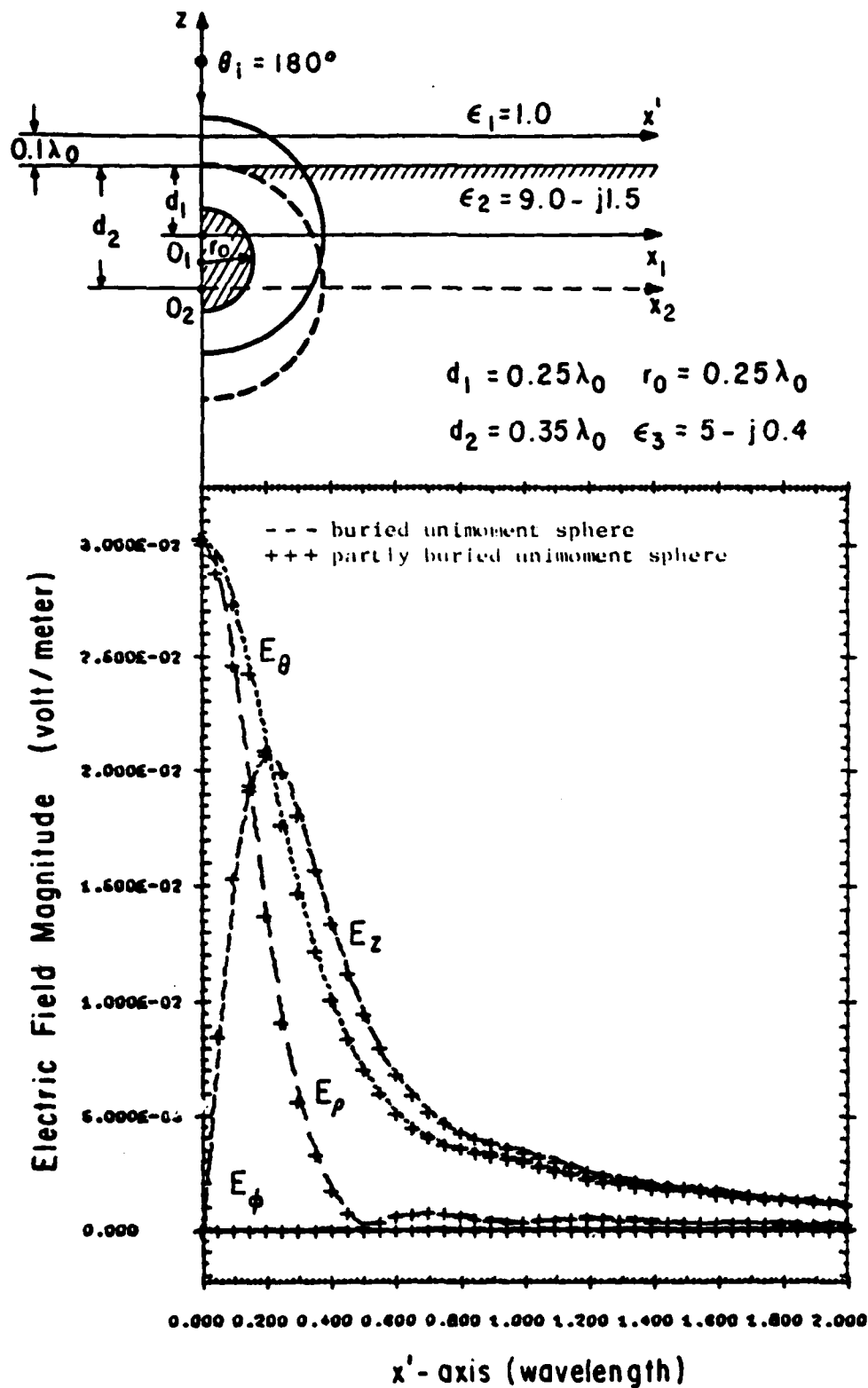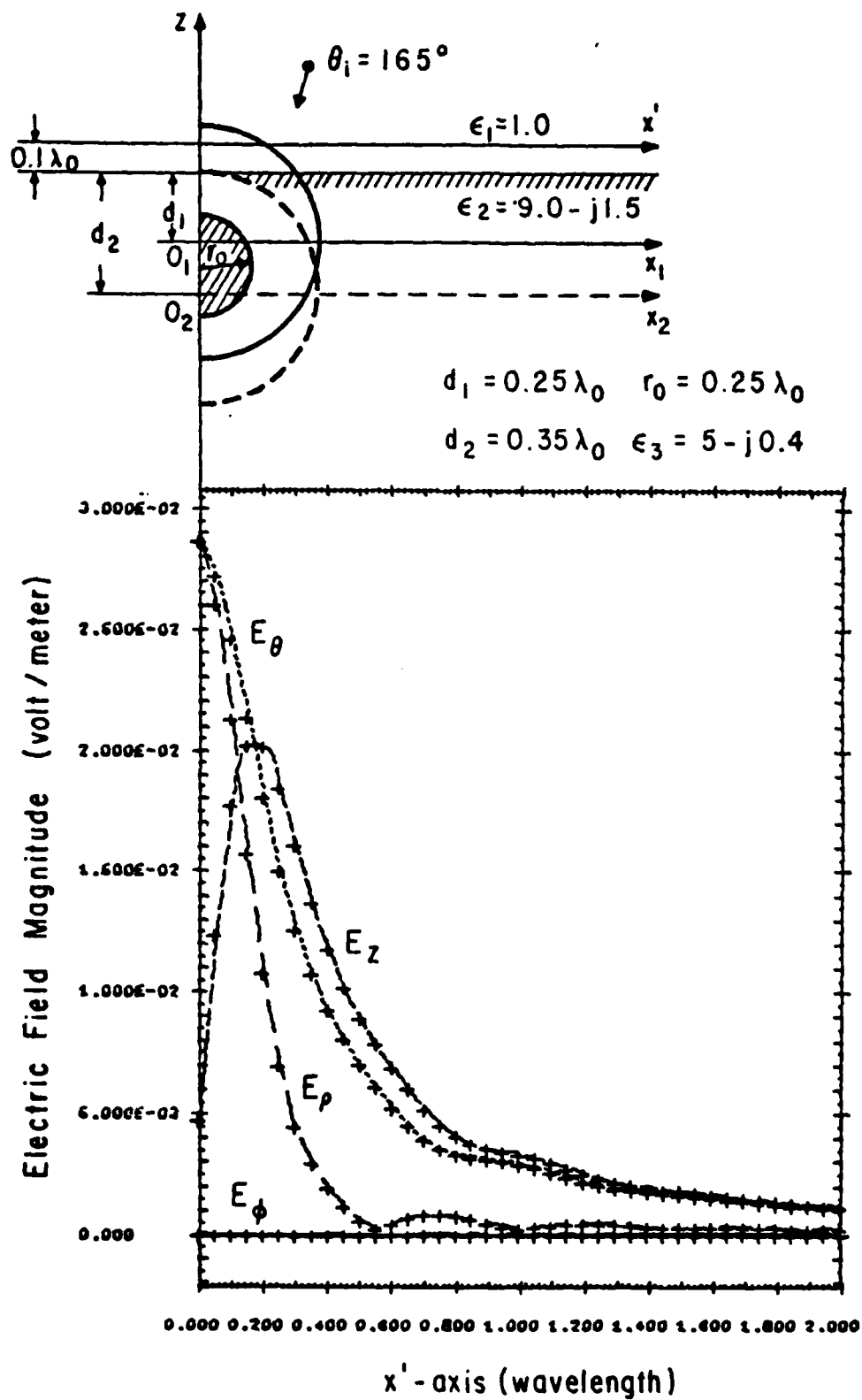
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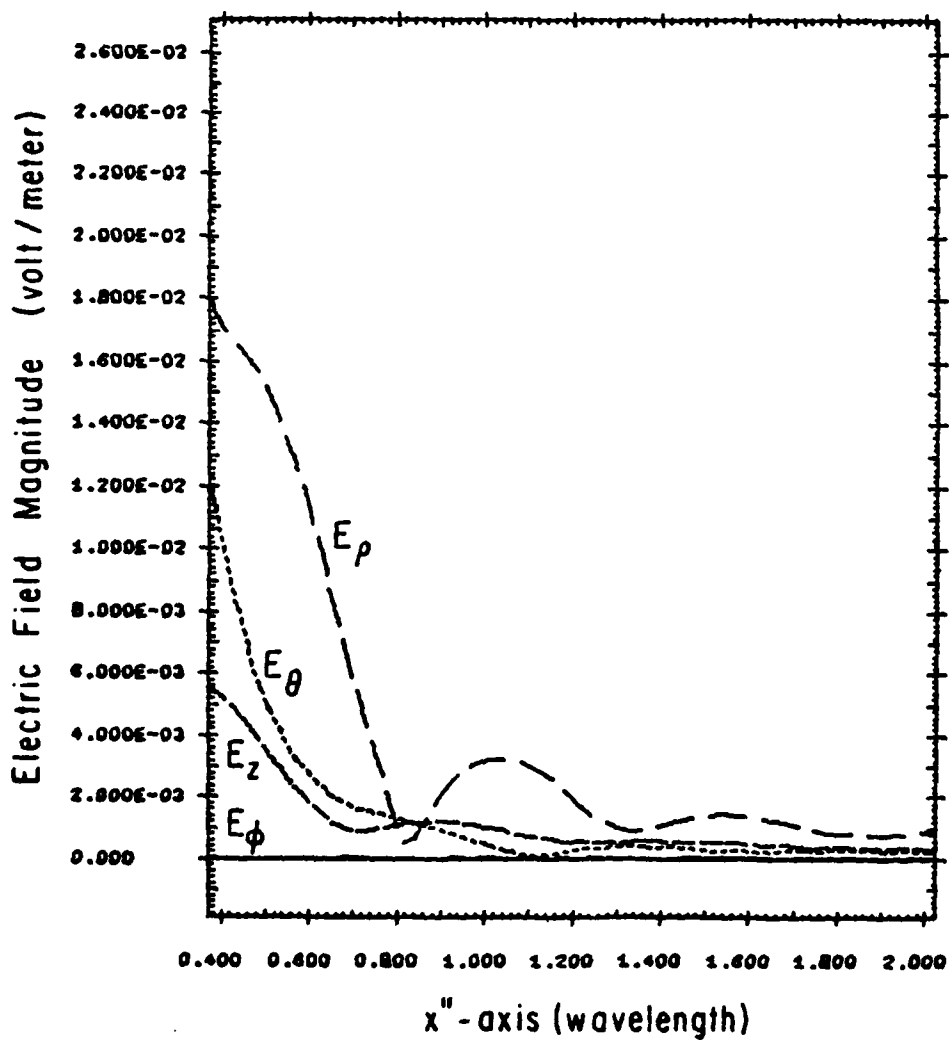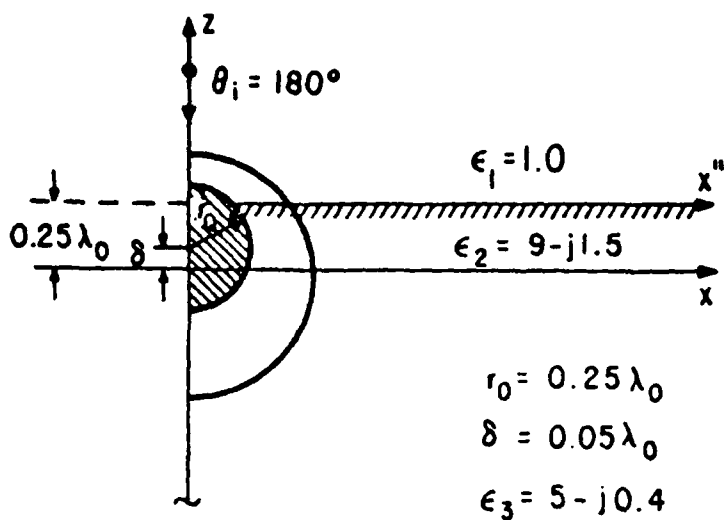Figure 5. Near Field Above the Interface
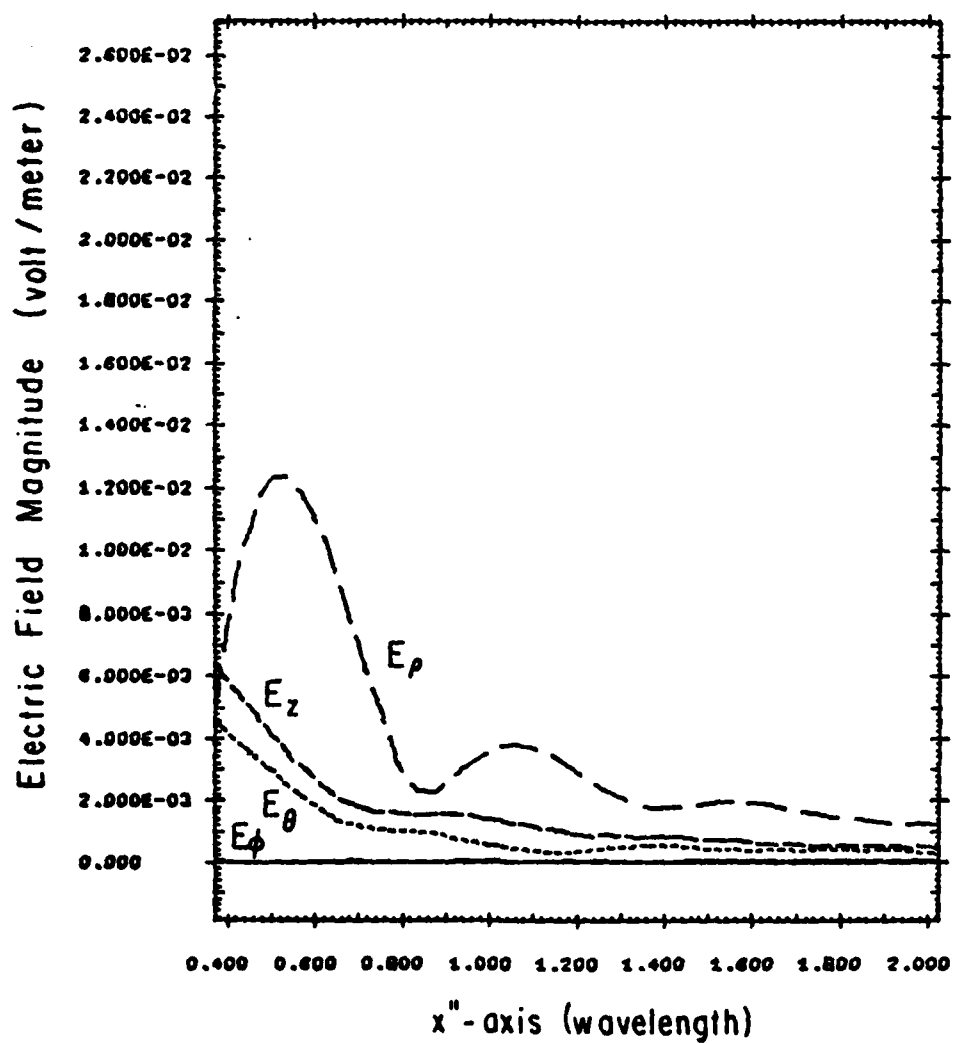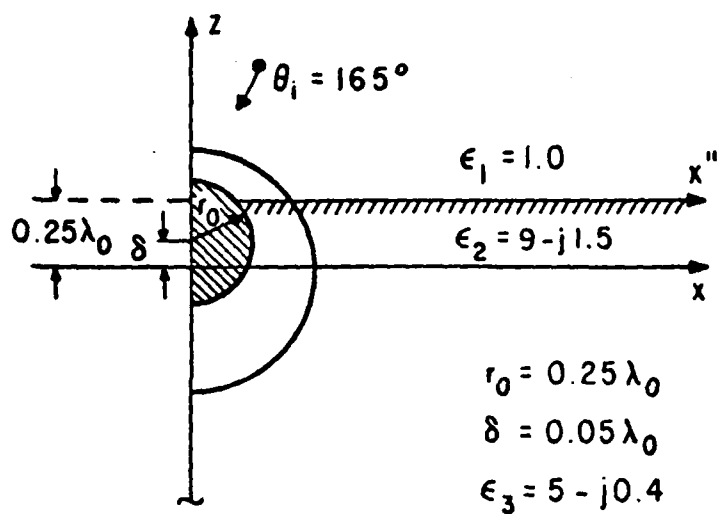
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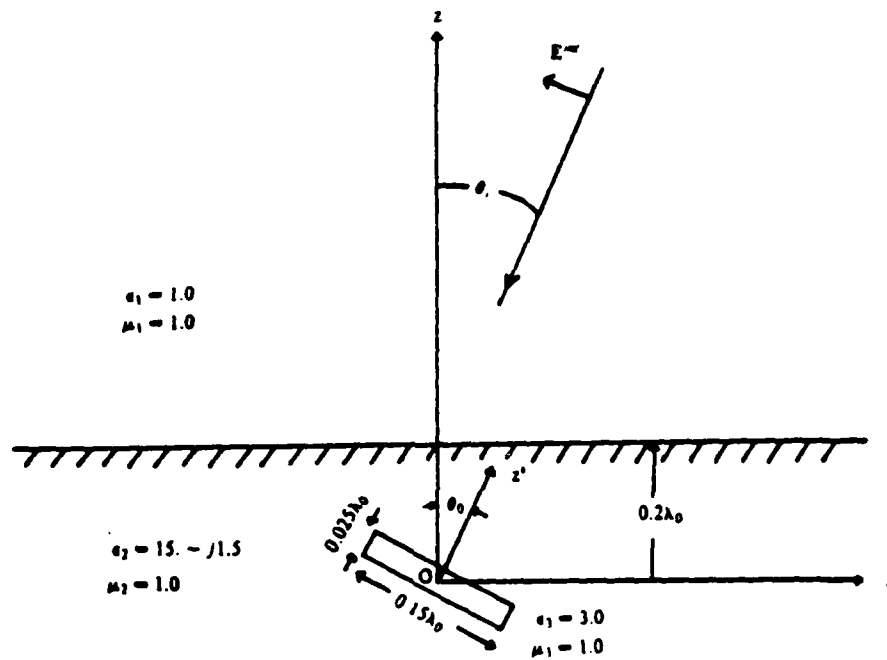
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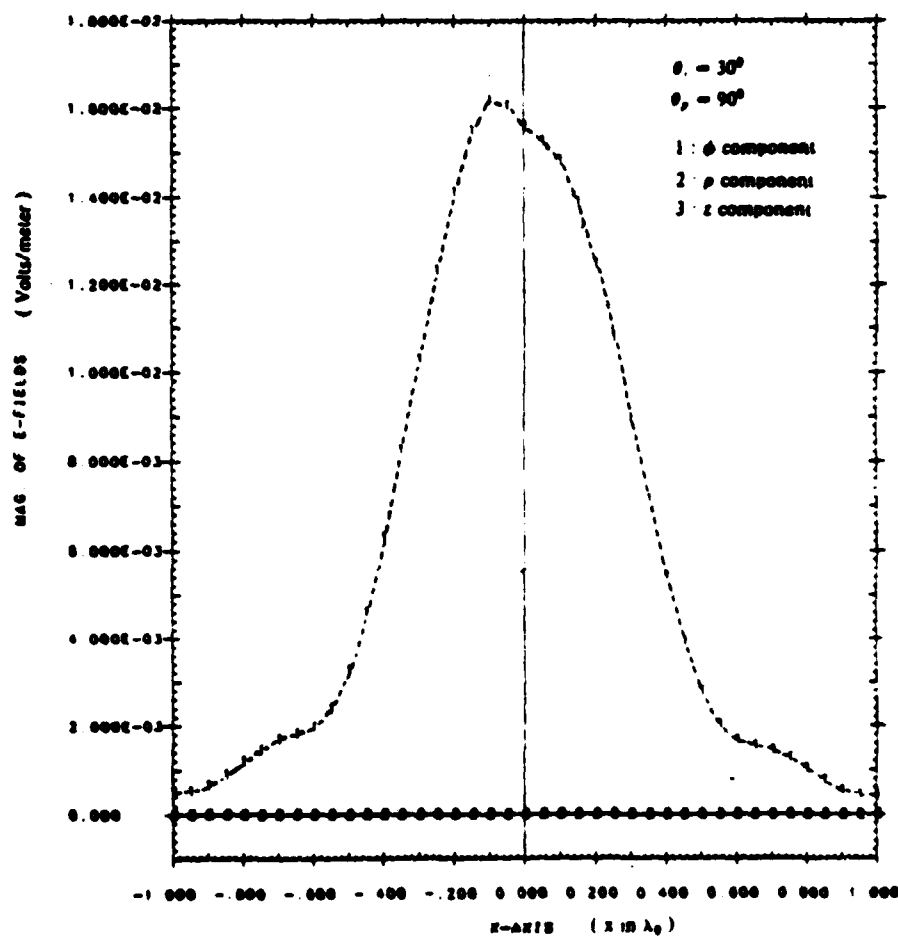Figure 8.   Geometry of the Scatterings from Buried Cylinder
with Arbitrary Orientation.

Figure 9.   Near Field on the Interface.   The Orientation of
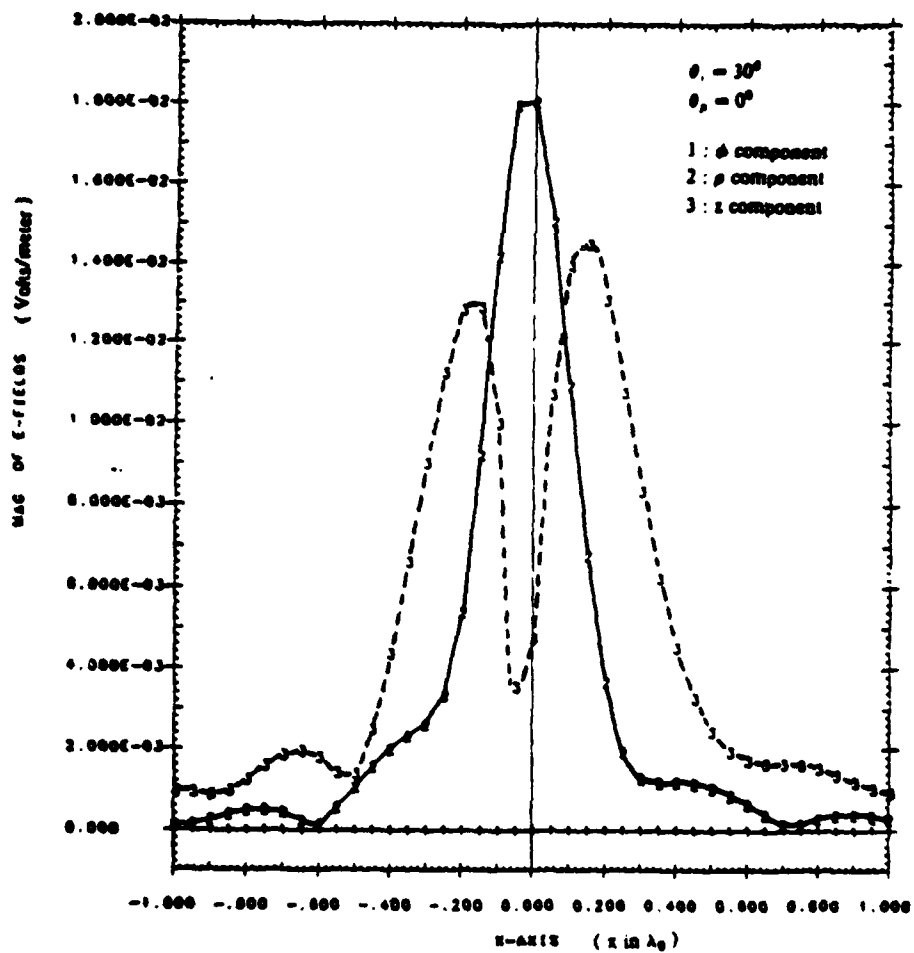the Finite Cylinder is $\theta_0 = 0^0$, $\phi_0 = 0^0$.

Figure 10. Near field on the Interface. The Orientation of
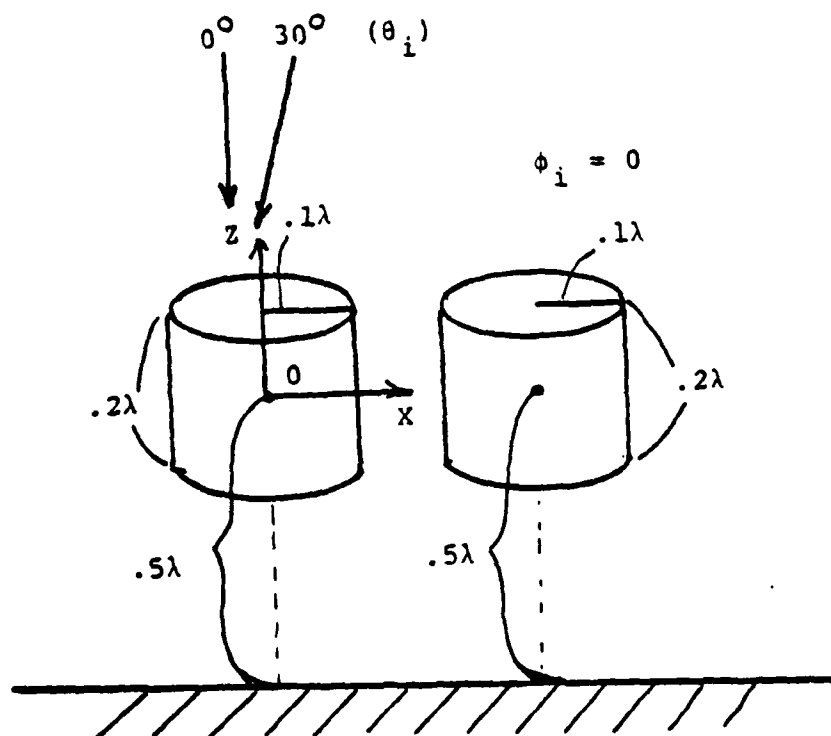the Finite Cylinder is $\theta_0 = 15°$, $\phi_0 = 0°$

Figure 11.   Configuration of Scattering by Two Conducting
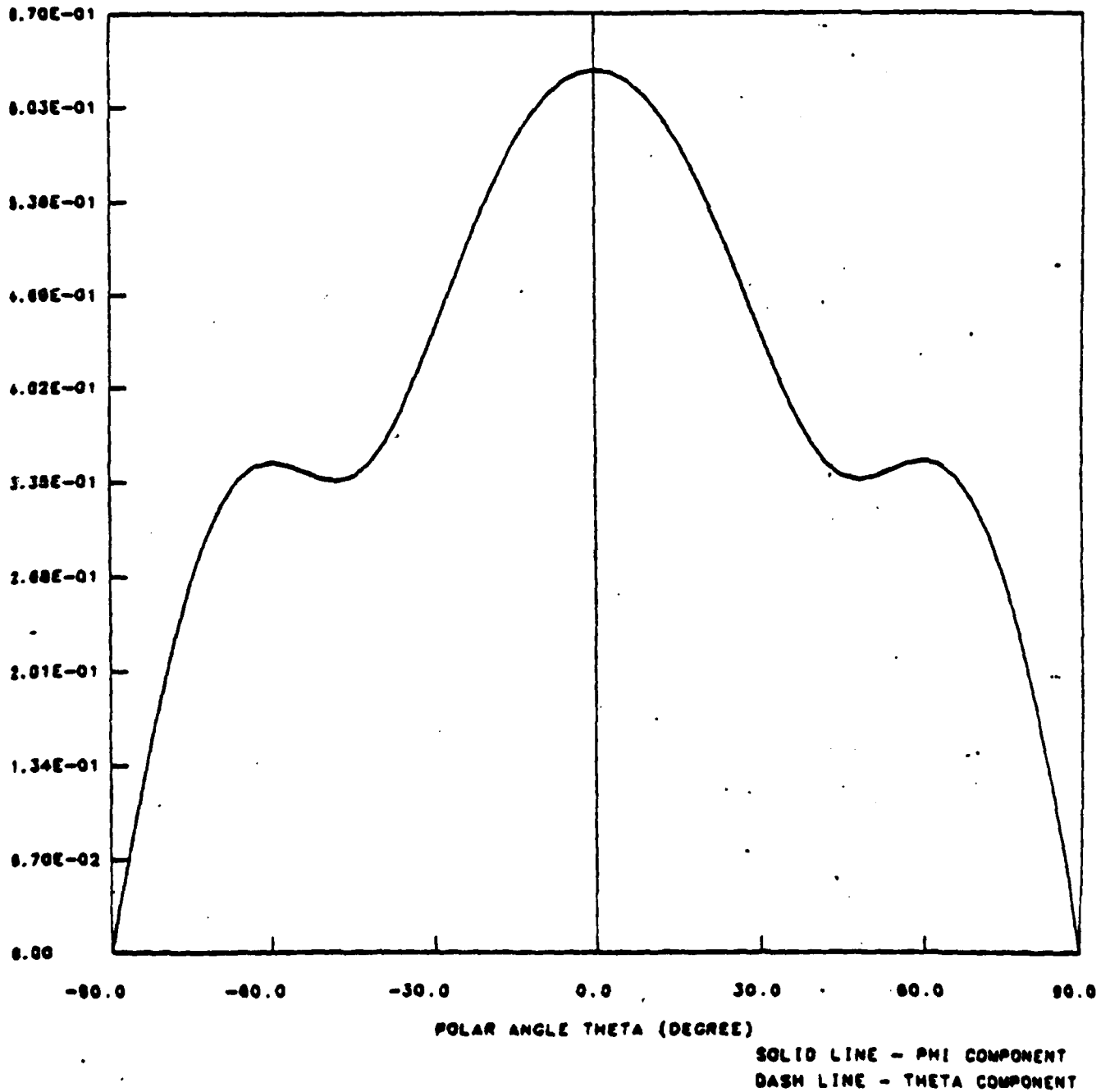   Finite Cylinders Near Lossy Ground.

Figure 12. Far Field Pattern of Scattering by Two Conducting Finite Cylinders.

Two Conducting Cylinders

Plane wave incident $\quad \theta_i = 30^\circ$
$\phi_i = 0^\circ$

X-Z observation plane

POLAR ANGLE THETA (DEGREE)

SOLID LINE - PHI COMPONENT
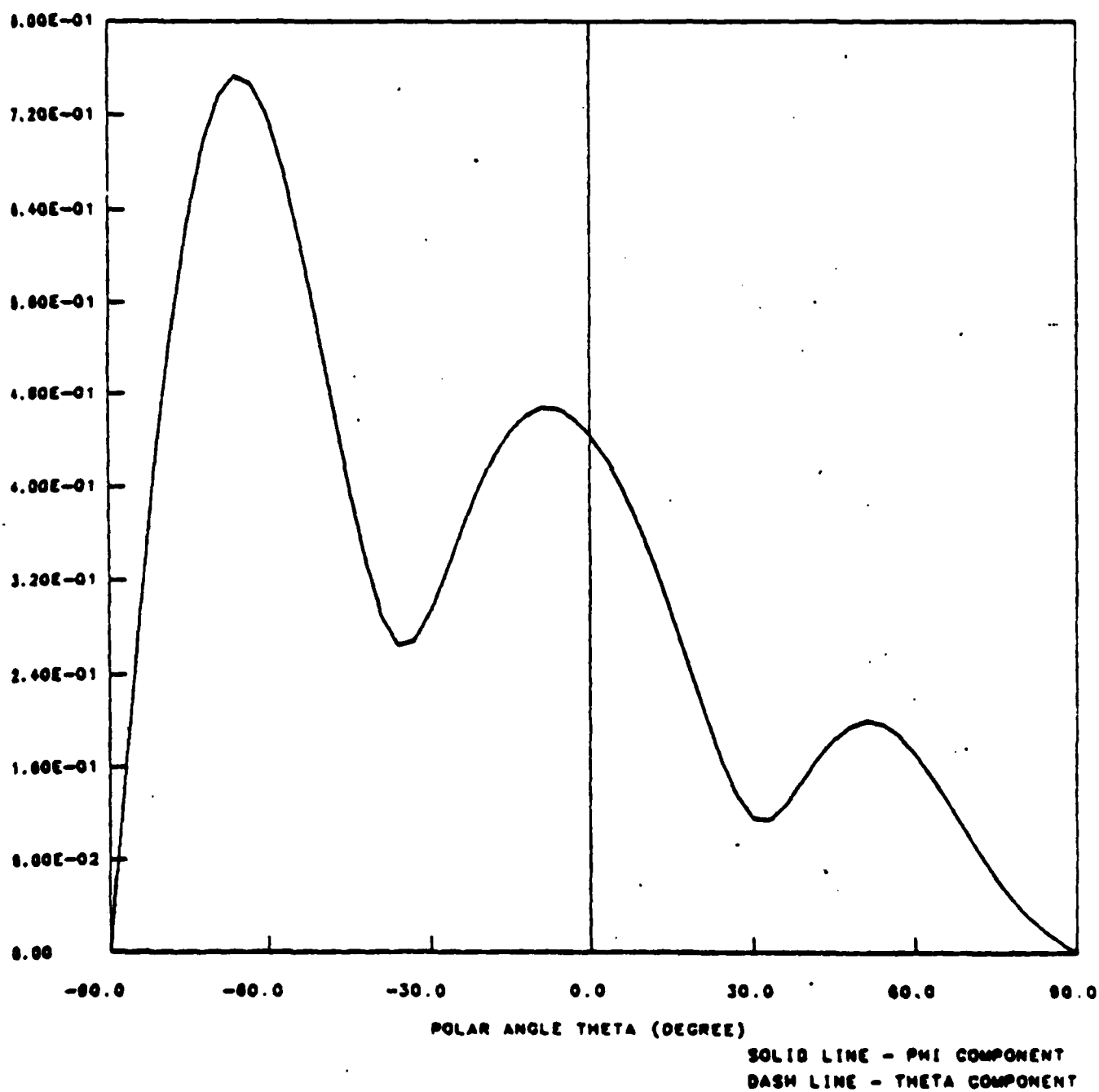DASH LINE - THETA COMPONENT

Figure 13. Far Field Pattern of Scattering by Two Conducting
Cylinders.

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